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REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2-4, 7, 8 and 11 have been revised to depend on allowed claims 5. New claims 12-19 have been added. Claims 2-19 are pending in the application.

New claims 12, 15-19 track previous claims 2-4, 7, 8 and 11 respectively, only the dependency has been changed to depend from allowed claim 6. New claims 13 and 14 track claims 9 and 10 respectively and depend from new claim 12.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Atsumi (US 6,198,563). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection moot. Claims 4, 7, 8 and 11 have been revised to depend from allowed claim 5 and thus are allowable along with claim 5. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

Claims 2, 3, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Atsumi. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claims 2 and 3 have been revised to depend from allowed claim 5 and thus are allowable along with claim 5. Claims 9 and 10 ultimately depend from allowed claim 5 and thus are also allowable along with claim 5. Applicants are not conceding correctness of the rejection.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612) 455-3804.



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